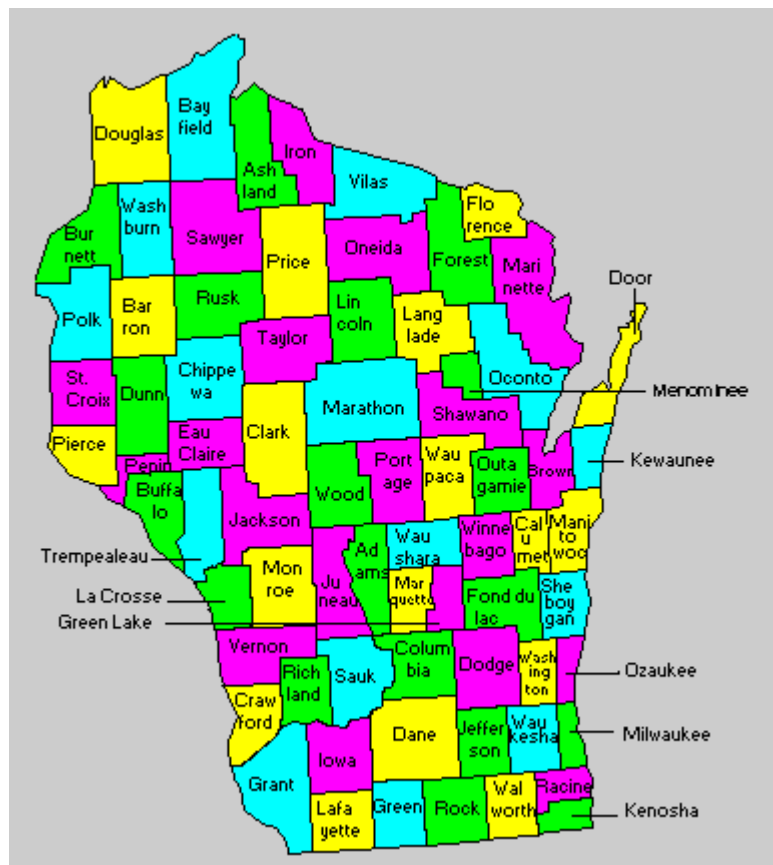


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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Wisconsin

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, funding, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Total Population, 1990: | 4,891,769 |
| Total estimated population, 1996: | 5,159,795 |
| Total estimated population, 1998: | 5,223,500 |
| Race/ethnicity | |
| White: | 4,512,523 |
| Black: | 244,539 |
| American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut: | 39,387 |
| Asian or Pacific Islander: | 53,583 |
| Other: | 41,737 |
| Hispanic (included in above distribution): | 93,194 |

Politics

U.S. Senate: Russell Feingold Herb Kohl
U.S. Representatives: Paul Ryan Ron Kind Thomas Petri Mark Green
 Gerald Kleczka Tammy Baldwin Thomas Barrett
 F. Sensenbrenner
Governor: Tommy G. Thompson
Attorney General: James Doyle

Programs/Initiatives²

- *Drug Free Communities Support Program Grantees:*
Office of Community Services Madison, Wisconsin
The Office of Community Services is a part of the Youth Delinquency Prevention Board, which serves as Madison's anti-drug coalition. Project activities will include:
 - Community education about substance use and abuse issues.
 - Research-based strategies to support community coalitions and prevention programs.
 - Weekly after school youth enrichment and educational programs.
 - Youth involvement in planning for substance abuse prevention.

Marshfield Medical Research and Education Foundation Marshfield, Wisconsin

The Marshfield Medical Research and Education Foundation is a part of the Northwoods Coalition, founded in 1995. The coalition targets five rural counties in north central Wisconsin. Project activities include:

- Providing technical assistance, consultation, training, and other services to local partnerships.
- Developing prevention services plans to address prevalent risk factors or to strengthen assets identified in local needs assessments and planning processes.
- Conducting substance abuse education events.
- Developing collaborative relationships on regional, state, and national levels.

- Planning for the long-term sustainability of the coalition.
- Evaluating the process and outcome of activities and disseminating the results.

Compass Alliance & Whitefish Bay Drug-Free Alliance

Nicolet School District Glendale, Wisconsin

The Compass Alliance and Whitefish Bay Drug-Free Alliance have united to serve the 14,200 citizens in the greater Milwaukee area. Project goals include:

- Providing training to parents to increase their knowledge and skills about preventing substance abuse.
- Providing training for other adults in the community who come in contact with and influence youth, including clergy, athletic coaches, faculty and staff in middle and high schools, as well as law enforcement personnel.
- Increasing community commitment and investment by decreasing youth substance abuse through a media plan and developing a supporter program for businesses.

Menominee Tribal Office Keshena, Wisconsin

This project will implement an intervention program in the Menominee Tribal Housing Department's development area to reduce substance abuse among the youth living there. Six community professionals will compose an Intervention Team that will intervene as necessary in youth's lives and developments.

The Intervention Team will assist 20 youth and their families with identifiable substance abuse issues. Fifty additional youth, with their parents or guardians, will complete a rope course geared toward self-confidence and independence.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

Index Offenses Known to Wisconsin Law Enforcement Agencies, 1995-1997

| Offense | 1995 ³ | 1996 ⁴ | 1997 ⁵ |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Murder | 218 | 201 | 205 |
| Forcible Rape | 1,191 | 1,101 | 1,051 |
| Robbery | 5,386 | 4,991 | 5,218 |
| Aggravated Assault | 7,593 | 6,781 | 7,518 |
| Total Violent Offenses | 14,388 | 13,074 | 13,992 |
| Burglary | 31,323 | 30,395 | 29,464 |
| Theft | 134,769 | 135,967 | 130,814 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 18,622 | 17,846 | 15,618 |
| Arson | 1,510 | 1,434 | 1,189 |
| Total Property Offenses | 186,224 | 185,642 | 177,085 |
| Total Index Offenses | 200,612 | 198,716 | 191,077 |

- On average, one Index Crime was reported every 2 minutes, 45 seconds in Wisconsin during 1997.

Juvenile Arrests Made By Wisconsin Law Enforcement Agencies, 1995-1997

| Offense | 1995 ⁶ | 1996 ⁷ | 1997 ⁸ |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Murder | 68 | 97 | 93 |
| Forcible Rape | 151 | 147 | 156 |
| Robbery | 938 | 803 | 707 |
| Aggravated Assault | 1,410 | 1,249 | 1,382 |
| Total Arrest for Violent Offenses | 2,547 | 2,296 | 2,338 |
| Burglary | 3,283 | 3,684 | 3,530 |
| Theft | 22,795 | 22,473 | 20,776 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 3,372 | 2,858 | 5,490 |
| Arson | 344 | 325 | 282 |
| Total Arrests for Property Offenses | 29,794 | 29,340 | 30,078 |
| Total Arrests for Index Offenses | 32,341 | 31,636 | 32,416 |

Drug Law Violations⁹

- There were an estimated 21,527 arrests reported for drug law violations in 1997, representing a 0.5% increase compared to the 21,412 arrests in 1996.
- Adults accounted for 77% and juveniles 23% of the arrests for drug law violations.
- Males accounted for 84% of the arrests and females accounted for the remaining 16%.
- Arrests for possession/use of drugs accounted 80% of the arrests while the remaining 20% were for the sale/manufacture of drugs. The possession/use proportion was only 75% during 1996.
- Arrests for opium/cocaine accounted for 20.6% of all drug arrests; marijuana arrests accounted for 70.6% of all drug arrests; arrests for synthetic narcotics accounted for 1.2% of all drug all drug arrests; and other dangerous non-narcotic drugs made up 7.5% of all drug arrests. By comparison, marijuana violations represented 67.1% of total drug arrests during 1996.

• Statewide Adult Arrests for Drug Violations by Sex – 1997

| Offense | Male | Female | Total |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Total Drug Violations | 13,963 | 2,627 | 16,590 |
| Drug Sales Subtotal | 3,005 | 540 | 3,545 |
| Opium/Cocaine Sales | 1,253 | 267 | 1,520 |
| Marijuana Sales | 1,426 | 218 | 1,644 |
| Synthetic Narcotic Sales | 49 | 12 | 16 |
| Other Drug Sales | 277 | 43 | 320 |
| Drug Possession Subtotal | 10,958 | 2,087 | 13, 045 |
| Opium/Cocaine Possession | 1,913 | 524 | 2,437 |
| Marijuana Possession | 8,312 | 1,376 | 9,688 |
| Synthetic Narcotics Possession | 99 | 29 | 128 |
| Other Drug Possession | 634 | 158 | 792 |

- Statewide Juvenile Arrests for Drug Violations by Sex – 1997

| Offense | Male | Female | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Total Drug Violations | 4,141 | 796 | 4,937 |
| Drug Sales Subtotal | 711 | 91 | 802 |
| Opium/Cocaine Sales | 265 | 17 | 282 |
| Marijuana Sales | 357 | 47 | 404 |
| Synthetic Narcotic Sales | 16 | 6 | 22 |
| Other Drug Sales | 73 | 21 | 94 |
| Drug Possession Subtotal | 3,429 | 706 | 4,135 |
| Opium/Cocaine Possession | 188 | 15 | 203 |
| Marijuana Possession | 2,878 | 594 | 3,472 |
| Synthetic Narcotics Possession | 37 | 22 | 59 |
| Other Drug Possession | 326 | 75 | 401 |

Drugs¹⁰

Statewide Average Drug Street Prices 1991-1996

| Substance – Amount | May 91 | June 93 | June 94 | June 95 | July 96 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Marijuana – 1 pound | \$1,725 | \$2,075 | \$2,100 | \$1,500 | \$1,450 |
| LSD – 100 Units | \$350 | \$340 | \$540 | \$540 | \$250 |
| Cocaine – 1 ounce | \$1,400 | \$1,400 | \$1,850 | \$1,650 | \$1,350 |
| Methamphetamines – 1 gram | \$115 | \$135 | \$115 | \$125 | \$100 |
| Cocaine-base – 1 gram | Na | \$150 | \$140 | \$140 | \$190 |
| Methcathinone – 1 gram | Na | Na | Na | \$85 | \$85 |
| Heroin – 1 gram | | | | | |
| White | Na | Na | Na | \$250 | \$200 |
| Brown | Na | Na | Na | \$180 | \$300 |
| Black Tar | Na | Na | Na | \$225 | \$200 |

State Crime Laboratory Cases 1991-1996*

| Controlled Substance | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Category** | | | | | | |
| Heroin | 53 | 62 | 100 | 128 | 133 | 134 |
| Cocaine | 2,565 | 1,614 | 1,154 | 1,030 | 983 | 745 |
| Cocaine-base | 419 | 1,247 | 1,470 | 1,356 | 1,144 | 1,127 |
| Marijuana/THC | 1,215 | 1,299 | 1,497 | 1,651 | 1,865 | 2,119 |
| Methamphetamine | 16 | 27 | 16 | 74 | 75 | 49 |
| LSD | 140 | 75 | 68 | 74 | 95 | Na |

*1996 data estimated based on 7-10 months of data, depending on drug type.

**Data include named drugs or combinations thereof.

Juveniles¹¹

Initiating behaviors of high school students.

| Wisconsin | Tried marijuana before age 13 | | | Tried cocaine before age 13* | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------|------------|------------------------------|------|------------|
| | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total |
| 1997 | 5.0 | 9.6 | 7.5 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 1.1 |

*Including powder, “crack,” or “freebase” forms of cocaine.

High school students’ reports of illicit drug use.

| Wisconsin | Lifetime marijuana use* | | | Current marijuana use | | | Marijuana use on school property** | | |
|-----------|-------------------------|------|-------------|-----------------------|------|-------------|------------------------------------|------|------------|
| | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total |
| 1997 | 31.2 | 39.6 | 35.5 | 17.4 | 24.3 | 20.9 | 5.1 | 9.9 | 7.5 |

*Ever used marijuana.

**During the 12 months preceding the survey.

High school students’ reports of illicit drug use.

| Wisconsin | Lifetime cocaine use* | | | Current cocaine use¶ | | | Lifetime “crack” or “freebase” use§ | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|------|------------|----------------------|------|------------|-------------------------------------|------|------------|
| | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total |
| 1997 | 4.6 | 8.6 | 6.6 | 2.0 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 6.2 | 4.3 |

*Ever tried any form of cocaine, including powder, “crack,” and “freebase.”

¶Used cocaine one or more times during the 30 days preceding the survey.

§Ever used “crack” or “freebase.”

High school students’ reports of illicit drug use.

| Wisconsin | Lifetime illegal steroid use | | | Lifetime Injected drug use | | | Sniffed or inhaled intoxicating substances | | |
|-----------|------------------------------|------|------------|----------------------------|------|------------|--|------|-------------|
| | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total |
| 1997 | 2.4 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 15.5 | 16.6 | 16.0 |

Trafficking and Seizures

- Number of marijuana plants eradicated and seized, arrests, and weapons and assets seized:¹²

| | | 1997 | 1998 ¹³ |
|--------------------|---|-----------|--------------------|
| Outdoor Operations | Plots eradicated | 409 | 216 |
| | Cultivated plants eradicated ^a | 5,289 | 3,054 |
| | Ditchweed eradicated ^b | 8,057,792 | 2,757,285 |
| Indoor Operations | Grows seized | 205 | 133 |
| | Plants eradicated | 2,979 | 6,685 |
| | Total plants eradicated | 8,066,060 | 2,767,474 |
| | Number of arrests | 397 | 257 |
| | Number of weapons seized | 190 | 72 |
| | Value of assets seized | 279,009 | 1,219,366 |

^aMay include tended ditchweed; see footnote b.

^bDitchweed is a type of marijuana that grows wild.

Consequences of Use¹⁴

- Distribution of drug abuse deaths, 1996

| Selected Drug Groups | Number | Percent |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Alcohol-in-comb | 3 | 42.9 |
| Amitriptyline (Elavil) | 2 | 28.6 |
| Cocaine | 4 | 57.1 |
| Codeine | 1 | 14.3 |
| d-Propoxyphene (Darvon) | -- | -- |
| Diazepam (Valium) | -- | -- |
| Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) | -- | -- |
| Heroin/Morphine | 1 | 14.3 |
| Marijuana/Hashish | 3 | 42.9 |
| Methadone | -- | -- |
| Methamphetamine/Speed | -- | -- |
| PCP/PCP combinations | -- | -- |
| All other drugs | 5 | 71.4 |
| Total Drug Mentions | 19 | 271.4 |

- One participating DAWN Medical Examiner reported a total of 1,149 cases. There were 7 drug abuse cases, a total of 19 drug mentions and 7 drug-abuse deaths in the Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area of Milwaukee – Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Enforcement¹⁵

- There were 2.3 sworn officers on average per 1000 residents, 0.8 civilians per 1000 residents, and 3.1 total employees per 1000 residents.

Courts

Distribution of sentenced offenders by drug type,* FY 1997¹⁶

| | United States | | Wisconsin | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| | Number | Percentage | Number | Percentage |
| Powder Cocaine | 4,730 | 25.2% | 82 | 65.6% |
| Crack Cocaine | 4,567 | 24.4% | 19 | 15.2% |
| Heroin | 1,818 | 9.7% | -- | -- |
| Marijuana | 5,146 | 27.5% | 11 | 8.8% |
| Methamphetamine | 1,926 | 10.2% | 11 | 8.8% |
| Other | 521 | 2.7% | 2 | 1.6% |
| Total Sentenced for Drugs | -- | 38.7% | -- | 35.1% |

* Of the 17,261 drug cases (including trafficking, use of a communication facility, and simple possession), nine cases with missing drug type were excluded from the bar chart.

Corrections¹⁷

- 3,187 Inmates were in drug treatment programs on January 1, 1997.
- 34,273 Inmate drug tests were completed in 1996.
- The per sample cost of drug tests is \$1.55.
- Prisoners Under State and Federal Correctional Authority¹⁸

| | Advance 1997 | 1996 | Percent change '96-'97 | 1995 ¹⁹ |
|------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| U.S. Total | 1,182,169 | 1,183,368 | 5.2% | 1,126,293 |
| Wisconsin | 14,682 | 12,991 | 13.0% | 11,199 |

Treatment²⁰

- Reporting characteristics, October 1, 1996

| | All Treatment Facilities | | | Private Funding Only | | | Non-Responding Facilities | |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| | Facilities | Clients | Clients per Facility | Facilities | Clients | Clients per Facility | Number | Percent |
| Total | 10,641 | 940,141 | 88.4 | 1,660 | 123,928 | 74.7 | 1,693 | 13.7 |
| Wisconsin | 240 | 16,218 | 67.6 | 10 | 2711 | 27.1 | 48 | 16.7 |

- One-day census of clients in treatment, October 1996

| | Total Clients | | Clients Treated For: | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|---------|----------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Alcohol Abuse Only | | Drug Abuse Only | | Both Problems | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 940,141 | 100.0 | 261,977 | 27.9 | 273,232 | 29.1 | 404,932 | 43.1 |
| Wisconsin | 16,218 | 100.0 | 6,932 | 42.7 | 3,102 | 19.1 | 6,183 | 38.1 |

¹ U.S. Census Bureau Web site: <http://www.census.gov>

² Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy Web site: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/prevent/drugfree/chart2.html>

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